(b) The Government of India has on a number of occasions expressed to the United States Government its concern that U.S. supplies of sophisticated armaments to Pakistan, more than that country's legitimate defence requirements, leads to an arms race in the Sub-continent, which in turn results in diversion of scarce resources away from development.

**Setting up of Directorate of Passengers' Amenities**

915. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a Directorate of passengers' Amenities in place of one Man Passenger Committees; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A Directorate of Passenger Amenities has already been set up and is functioning in Board's Office since March, 1988 in addition to One Man Passenger Amenities Committee set up in April, 1986.

**Release of US Military and Economic Assistance to Pakistan**

916. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on a public assertion by Pak Prime Minister during her visit to USA in June this year, to the effect that Pakistan does not possess a nuclear weapon USA has released the promised US military and security related economic assistance;

(b) if so, whether in this context Government took the opportunity to draw the US Administration's attention to the statement of Pak-Ambassador to the US, Mr. Jamshed K.A. Marker, in February 1989 that Pakistan was on the "Threshold" of developing nuclear weapons, and if so, what was the US Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) how much US aid has been or is being released to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The US administration's proposal for security assistance to Pakistan for FY 1989-90 is still under conideration of the US Congress.

(b) From time to time, Government of India has expressed its serious concern regarding Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme. Since Ambassador Marker's statements were made in a television interview in the US which received wide publicity, GOI presume that the US Government is aware of these statements. GOI is not aware of any official reaction of the US Government to Mr. Marker's interview.

(c) For FY 1989-90, the US administration has proposed a security assistance package to Pakistan amounting to US $ 241 million. The Aid Bill is under consideration of Congress.

**Facilities to Sports persons going abroad**

917. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what are the facilities given by the Government to sports persons during the international meets abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): For events like the Olympics, Common-